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Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are they in charge of mechanics or maistris ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Assistant Industrial Engineer is in charge of these drills."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are they put in charge of maistris ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Sometimes; not always. The Assistant Industrial Engineer is supposed to be in charge of them."

Working of power drills.

* 138 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of power drills now on hand with them for sinking bore-holes ;

(b) how many of them are in working order ; and

(c) how many of them again are provided with any, and if so, what spare parts for use in an emergency more especially in the form of bell-screws, horn sockets, slip sockets, tools to bore true holes ?

A.—(a) Twenty.

(b) All the twenty are in working order.

(c) Information has been called for.

Utilization of bore-holes for irrigation purposes.

* 139 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the average quantity of water per minute available from the bore-holes sunk in Bellary district ; and

(b) whether the Government have demonstrated the possibility of successful utilization of the bore-holes for irrigation purposes ?

A.—(a) & (b) Information has been called for.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if the information has been received ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" No."

Borings done in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 140 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many borings have been done in Malabar and South Kanara ;

(b) how many of these have been reported to have been successful ; and

(c) in which districts boring has proved a success and where it has been found to be a failure ?

A.—The information has been called for.

Public Works

Increase of the pay and prospects of draughtsmen.

* 141 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons why the Government have increased the pay and prospects of draughtsmen (third and second grade) in this Presidency ; and

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(*b*) the financial commitment resulting from such enhancement both present and future?

A.—(*a*) The reasons for revising the pay of the draughtsmen establishment are stated in G.O. No. 1083 W., dated 28th March 1929, a copy of which is laid on the table.[a]

(*b*) The ultimate extra cost per annum on account of the revision is Rs. 37,856. The extra cost during 1929–30 is estimated to be Rs. 16,873.

Supersession of the Anakapalle Municipality.

*141-A *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the reasons which led to the supersession of the Anakapalle Municipality;

(*b*) whether the allegation that sanitation and communications in 1927–28 had not been properly attended to was one of such reasons;

(*c*) whether the then Collector of the district was well impressed with the condition of the roads;

(*d*) whether the composition of the municipal council is the same now (1929) as it was in 1927–28; if not, why the members of one council have been held responsible for the alleged wrongs of another council;

(*e*) whether the Government considered the desirability of taking any action short of supersession and if so, why they thought that supersession was necessary; and

(*f*) whether the chairman of the municipal council in 1927–28 had not followed the instructions of the Government or the Revenue Divisional Officer in regard to sanitation or road repair?

A.—(*a*) The reasons which led to the supersession of the Anakapalle Municipality were its persistent maladministration, characterized by an absence of efficiency in every department by neglect of roads, sanitation and drainage and by a financial confusion so complete as to lead to the non-payment of salary to its establishment for months on end;

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. On the other hand, the Collector found that roads were, except in one instance, in a deplorable condition;

(*d*) The maladministration in question was not only in respect of 1927–28 but also of the subsequent period;

(*e*) Yes. But they considered that under present conditions the dissolution of the municipality and its immediate reconstitution was not likely to result in that change in its constitution which was urgently necessary in the interests of municipal administration. Further, they believed that the municipal affairs had reached such a pitch of mismanagement and inefficiency that a period of direct official control was essential to their recovery;

(*f*) Government have no information. From many reports they received subsequent to 1927–28 they were led to believe that both these matters have been grossly neglected.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 346–347 infra.